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John Murray And Company,

Have for Sale on the beſt Terms for Caſh or Produce of any Kind,

NEW Beef in Barrels, Molaſſes, Green Tea, Tallow Candles in Boxes, Coffee, Sugars, New-England Rum in Hogſheads, Tierces and Barrels.—Alſo a General Aſſortment of European and India GOODS, by Wholeſale or Retail.

☞ They will purchaſe Tobacco, Hemp or Flour, at ſuch a Price and give ſuch Pay as cannot fail to ſatisfy the Seller, at their Store in Fairfax-Street, oppoſite the Court-Houſe.

Alexandria, Jan. 19, 1785.

All perſons indebted to the

eſtate of JOHN MILLS, Eſq; deceaſed, by bond, note, or open account, in conſequence either of dealings with the ſaid John Mills, during his life-time, or of purchaſes made at the public ſale of his effects, by his adminiſtrators, are earneſtly requeſted to call without delay on the Subſcribers, or either of them, and make payment of the ſums they reſpectively owe.

The neceſſity there is of cloſing the affairs of ſaid eſtate as ſpeedily as poſſible, will oblige the Subſcribers to bring ſuits, without reſpect to perſons, for the recovery of all ſuch of the debts as ſhall remain unpaid after the firſt day of February next.

ROBERT T. HOOF,
CHARLES SIMMS,
WILLIAM BROWN, } Adminiſtrators.

Alexandria, Jan. 15, 1785.

The Winter Eſtabliſhment of the *STAGES*.

THE Stage will leave Richmond on Mondays at 6 o'clock, and lodge at the Bowling-Green, Tueſday nights at Dumfries, Wedneſdays at Bladenſburg, Thurſdays at Baltimore, Fridays at the Head of Elk, and on Saturdays arrive at Philadelphia. They will alſo leave Richmond on Wedneſdays and Fridays, and perform in like manner, except Saturday's Stage which will ſtay in Fredericksburg until Sunday, 10 o'clock. The Stage will leave Fredericksburg for Philadelphia, on Sundays, Tueſdays and Thurſdays, at 10 o'clock, and meet the Baltimore Stage at Bladenſburg on Mondays, Wedneſdays and Fridays, at night.—They will alſo leave Bladenſburg, for Richmond and Philadelphia, on Tueſdays, Thurſdays and Saturdays, at 5 o'clock—breakfaſt at Mr. Spurrier's and Mr. Eſtave's, dine at Baltimore and Colcheſter, and lodge in Dumfries and Baltimore.—Dinner to be ready at Mr. Ward's, in Alexandria, on Mondays, Wedneſdays and Fridays, preciſely at one o'clock, that the paſſengers may croſs the river by two, and ſtart from Mr. Eſtave's by half after two o'clock.

NATHANIEL TWINING,

Dec. 30, 1784.

To be Sold, or Leaſed, for one or more Years,

A Well ſituated TAN-YARD, with a commodious HOUSE for buſineſs or trade of any kind, in this town.—For terms apply to

PAUL DURST.

George-Town, Jan. 8, 1785.

Elizabeth Hannah,

INFORMS the Public, that ſhe has lately removed to a large commodious houſe of Mr. Andrew Wales's, on the bank-head, being a pleaſant healthy ſituation, where ſhe propoſes continuing her ſchool, and will take, if timely applied to, ten young ladies as boarders.—Her terms for boarding and tuition are Thirty Pounds per annum.

Alexandria, Jan. 17, 1785.

William Hartſhorne, And Company,

HAVE for ſale, a quantity of alum ſalt, train oil, Weſt-India and Continental rum, molaſſes, ſoap, candles, mackerel, red, green and white flannels, rugs, blankets, coarſe and fine ſtockings, Coarſe heſſens by the piece, ſteel, oyſter knives, bohea tea by the cheſt, red duffils, Welch plains, cottings, and a variety of other goods as uſual.

Alexandria, Jan. 3, 1785.

For Sale,

A *PLANTATION, within* 8 *miles of Winchester, containing* 400 *acres.—The lands are rich, level, and but very little broken with limeſtone, about* 60 *acres of which are cleared, and under good fences, has a large new barn, and a pretty good overſeer's houſe.—Alſo* 300 *acres of unimproved Land, lying about two miles from the above place.—Likewiſe three very well improved Lots in the borough of Winchester, in a very advantageous part of the town for any kind of buſineſs.—Caſh, Tobacco, or Military Certificates, will be received in payment, and the terms made known by applying to the Subſcriber,*

JOSEPH HOLMES.

Wincheſter, Nov. 25, 1784.

☞ *Alſo for ſale, a large and neat aſſortment of MERCHANDIZE, which he will ſell for very little more than firſt coſt, for Caſh or Tobacco. J. H.*

The Subſcriber has on Hand, and is ſelling on low Terms, by the large or ſmall Quantity,

A very large and general Aſſortment of Medicines,

And ſundry other Articles neceſſary for Practitioners of Phyſic and Surgery.

☞ His Medicinal Shop is now moved to the extreme Part of Cameron-ſtreet, leading from the Court-Houſe directly towards the Church, where Orders from Gentlemen of the Profeſſion and others will be ſpeedily and punctually complied with.

WILLIAM BROWN.

Alexandria, Jan. 18, 1785.

THE Ship HAZARD,

Capt. NEW, now lying at Alexandria, will take in Tobacco conſigned to FORREST and STODDERT, London, at Seven Pounds, Sterling, per Ton.—She will ſail early in February.—The Tobacco will be inſured to receive Ten Guineas per Hogſhead in caſe of Loſs.

BENJAMIN STODDERT,

George-Town, Jan. 15, 1785.

All perſons having claims

againſt the eſtate of Mr. JOHN THORNTON, deceaſed, late of Loudon County, are deſired to make them known, that proviſion may be made for the payment thereof; and all thoſe indebted to ſaid eſtate, are requeſted to make payment to

SAMUEL LOVE, jun. *Executor*,

Loudon County, January 15, 1785.

For Sale, for Caſh or Country Produce,

A Few Pipes of choice Madera Wine,
Jamaica Rum fit for preſent Uſe, of high Proof and excellent Flavour.
Claret in ſmall Boxes of 2½ and 3 Dozen each.
A few Kegs of Scotch Barley and Herrings.

WILLIAM HUNTER, jun.

Alexandria, Jan. 18, 1785.

Williams, Cary, And Company,

INFORM their friends that they have juſt received a ſmall conſignment of GOODS, by the Greenwich, Capt. Collins, conſiſting of blankets, woollens, &c. which they will diſpoſe of on the moſt reaſonable terms.

Alexandria, Jan. 4, 1785.

TO BE LET,
And may be entered on immediately,

A commodious well finiſhed

STORE and COUNTING-ROOM, with a Cellar under the Whole, ſituated at the Corner of Royal and Cameron Streets, and oppoſite Mr. Reeder's Tavern.——For Terms apply to Col. JAMES HENDRICKS, or the Subſcriber,

JOHN KLEINHOFF.

Alexandria, Jan. 20, 1785.

FORTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the Subſcriber the 24th of Auguſt laſt, a remarkable black ſtrong-made Negro Man, named PETER, late the property of Mr. Benjamin Foreman, about 5 *feet* 9 *inches high, about* 22 *years of age, but appears older, with large ſtaring eyes, ſmall legs, and has loſt four of his toes from his right foot: He had on when he went away a mixed grey great coat, tow linen ſhirt and trouſers, old ſhoes and a felt hat, but may have changed his clothes.—Whoever takes up ſaid Negro, and ſecures him in any gaol ſo that his Maſter may get him again, ſhall have the above reward, and reaſonable charges if brought home.*

MICHAEL M'KEWAN.

Martinſburg, Berkeley County, Dec. 27, 1784.

N. B. Said Negro was raiſed with Mr. John Werington, and formerly belonged to Mr. Alexander Catlet, near Seneca in Maryland.

WHEREAS I gave my Note of Hand to a certain Benjamin Johnſon of Norfolk, dated the 13th of July, 1784, for Forty-Three Pounds Five Shillings, and find myſelf much impoſed on by the ſaid Johnſon: This is to forewarn all perſons from taking an aſſignment of the ſaid note, as I am determined not to pay a ſingle farthing of it.

LOTT MASON.

Dec. 28, 1784.

Found,

By Cab, a Slave belonging to Mr. Richard Arell,

A BOLT of OSNABURGS, marked 147, 222.
thus 222.——The Owner may have it again by applying to SAMUEL ARELL.

Dec. 3, 1784.

THE Subſcriber has on Hand a Quantity of Medicines, among which are Glauber's and Epſom's Salts, Peruvian Bark, Jalap, Rhubarb, Emetic Tartar, Magneſia, &c. which he will ſell on reaſonable Terms,

CHARLES WORTHINGTON.

George-Town, Jan. 15, 1785.

Robert Lyle,

WILL Rent the Houſe and Store he now lives in, and Part of a Houſe and Store oppoſite the Printing-Office that is not quite finiſhed, for one or more Years.——He has for Sale, a few Pipes and Hogſheads of Coniac and Spaniſh Brandy, a few Cheſts of Bohea, Green and Souchong Teas, Loaf Sugar by the Hogſhead, Nails by the Caſk, and an Aſſortment of Dry-Goods too tedious to mention.

Alexandria, Jan. 19, 1785.

LONDON, October 21.

A MERCHANT of this city, who had ſhipped a large quantity of goods for America, and not receiving the remittances as he expected, put a period to his exiſtence by ſhooting himſelf through the head. He has left a widow and nine children.

The following receipt is almoſt infallible in the cure of all kinds of agues: Take two table ſpoonfuls of the juice expreſſed from ſage well pounded, add an equal quantity of vinegar, and let the patient ſwallow the doſe when the fit comes on.

BARBADOES, October 16.

The great variety of accounts which are handed about, from the ſingular and extraordinary phænomenon in St. Joſeph's pariſh, would deter us from offering any as accurate, if our information were not to be depended on for exactneſs, as much as the nature of the ſubject will admit; but having received our accounts from the moſt intelligent perſons who have ſeen the melancholy wreck, and were witneſſes of the dreadful ſcene, we lay the following particulars before the public.

On Monday laſt the inhabitants of part of St. Joſeph's pariſh, called Crab-Hole, juſt under Hackleton's-Cliff, were alarmed by the appearance of ſeveral fiſſures in the earth, and the ſinking of one or two tenements a little below the ſurface. On Tueſday the cracks increaſing, ſome of them began to prepare for flight, by removing their effects to places of greater ſafety. On the evening of the ſame day, Mr. Phillips, manager of the plantation formerly belonging to Mr. Wolcott, but now to the repreſentative of the late Sir William Baker, was informed that the land above him was making extraordinary advances towards the houſe, which, in a few hours, induced him to quit it, and take ſhelter, with his family, in one of the Negro huts for the remainder of the night; in the courſe of which the kitchen and ſtockhouſe fell down, and a range of hogſties adjoining to them ſunk into a deep chaſm, which was preſently filled up by a heap of mould from the ground above them. At day-light next morning the neighbourhood in general took the alarm, and aſſembling near the ſpot, were witneſſes to a ſcene, affecting and terrible beyond deſcription. The country from Crab-Hole down to the plantation, looked as if it had been torn and ſhattered by an earthquake. The curing-houſe was down, part of the manſion was ſtill ſtanding, but flanked by a mound of earth higher than the top of it. The ground was interſected by a number of fiſſures, and in many places ſwelled and inflated into monſtrous tumours. Between ſix and ſeven the remainder of the houſe came down with a tremendous cruſh. The mill, boiling-houſe and ſtable, had received ſo many cracks, that every moment appeared to be equally critical with them, though the former ſtood until about twenty minutes or half an hour after twelve, when the wall went off in two or three immenſe flakes, and the timbers followed it with ſuch violence, as to bury an arm in the earth up to the neck of the ſhaft. The wreck was ſoon univerſal, and long before the cloſe of day, many of the buildings had ſunk ſo low, that no traces of them were, at ſome diſtance, diſcernible.

The face of the country had undergone ſo total a change, that the neighbours were frequently unable to determine where many objects, familiar to their remembrance, had ſtood before. A large piece of edoes above the houſe had ſoon occupied the ſcite of the manſion, and brought with it a long ſlip of the common road, as entire as if nothing had happened to it. Another ſlip of canes, on a chalky ſoil, with two cocoa-nut trees at the end of it, ſtill appears to have kept its ground, though every thing elſe had been in motion round it. The cocoa-nut trees which grew about the houſe, have been gradually carried with the maſs of ruins ſome hundred feet, if not yards from their original ſituation. The mill itſelf has gone with the ſliding mould, though little more than an arm or a piece of the tail-tree is viſible at preſent. The calamity continued, and is ſtill extending. A corn piece to the northward of the buildings, towards the ſea (for the motion has been from ſouth to north, with little or no variation) is now the theatre of this ſurpriſing ſpectacle. Before it advances further, the earth begins to heave and ſwell to an amazing height above the ſurface, ſome think to near twenty feet perpendicular; it then cracks, turns up, and crumbles over, in a direction correſpondent to the ſituation of the fiſſure: After a ſhort interval the ſame proceſs is diſcernible again, and in this manner it has uniformly proceeded towards the ſea, which it will, in all probability, reach in a day or two, as it has now got to the foot of an eminence at no great diſtance from it, the two ſides of which go ſloping downwards, and form, with the oppoſite ridges, an eaſy paſſage to it; though it ſeems more inclined to take the eaſtern declivity at preſent, as affording fewer obſtacles than the other.

The cauſe of this extraordinary phænomenon, which extends upwards of a mile in length, and in breadth (which ſeems more difficult to aſcertain) about two or three hundred yards, and is in quantity perhaps more than one hundred acres, is ſuppoſed to be this: Crab-Hole abounds with ſprings, moſt of which immediately loſe themſelves in the adjacent lands; the upper ſurface of which is a mixture of marl and red earth from the cliff, and the lower a rich ſandy loam. The deſcent from thence through Wolcott's to the ſea is between two declivities, with few deviations from a direct courſe; theſe ſprings increaſed by former, and overcharged with the late heavy rains, have probably united in one large body, which, labouring for a vent, has conſtantly raiſed the ſurface, and protruded it on all ſides, wherever it endeavoured to force a paſſage. As it proceeded onwards, the ſurface behind it ſeems to have fallen in, or meeting with a ſubſtratum of a ſoapy nature, from the action of the water on the bed of loam, to have continued ſliding as long as it happened to retain or acquire a ſupply of moiſture. Theſe are the opinions of many who have viewed the ſpot;—Philoſophers alone can decide upon the juſtice of them; but whoever reflects upon the devaſtation it has made, to the injury of one opulent and the extreme diſtreſs of ſeveral indigent ſufferers, whoſe preſent ſubſiſtence is utterly annihilated, and who have loſt a property which they have been acquiring by many years of patient induſtry, and, perhaps, forever; he will at leaſt compaſſionate, if not contribute ſomething to the relief of their misfortunes, which are as ſevere and affecting, as the calamity itſelf is ſingular.

We are happy to hear that the neighbouring eſtates are quite out of danger.

BOSTON, December 20.

We hear from St. Jago de Cuba, that ſome alarming advices lately reached the Havannah, from the Spaniſh Viceroy at Mexico, which are withheld from the knowledge of the public with every precaution imaginable; though it is thought they relate to the breaking out of freſh commotions on the continent of South-America, the natives of which, have for ſeveral years paſt, earneſtly endeavoured to reſcue themſelves from the inſupportable tyranny of Spain; and ſhould they providentially ſucceed in any of theſe righteous attempts, that kingdom would be plunged into all the miſeries of contempt, diſgrace and poverty. Deſtitute equally of genius and inclination for agriculture, manufacturers and and commerce, the loſs of the immenſe reſources of the South-American provinces, would bring the government of Spain to irretreivable ruin.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 8.

By letters from the bay of Honduras, we learn, that the ſettlers at that place have experienced, for theſe five months paſt, the ſevereſt weather ever known in the memory of man; it having rained, inceſſantly, and overflowed conſiderable tracts of land, particularly at a place called the New-River, where an epidemic diſtemper had broke out, which proved fatal to many of the inhabitants.

The Vermonteers ſeem much elated on the idea of their being admitted into the confederation of the United States, and indeed they have reaſon for exultation, ſince they will participate in advantages, and have born but a ſmall part of the expence attending the late revolution. Their delegates it is ſaid, have preſented their credentials to Congreſs, but whether they will be admitted to ſit with that honorable body, has not yet tranſpired.

PHILADELPHIA, *Jan.* 8.

Thurſday laſt, expired, after a lingering illneſs, Mr. HAYM SALOMONS, an eminent Broker of this city; he was a native of Poland, and of the Hebrew nation. He was remarkable for his ſkill, and integrity in his profeſſion, and for his generous and humane deportment. His remains were yeſterday depoſited in the burial-ground of the Synagogue, in this city.

BALTIMORE, January 21.

Laſt Sunday the 16th inſtant, at St. George's church, were performed the funeral obſequies of the late JOHN PACA, Eſq; of Harford, before a very numerous and reſpectable body of people of every denomination, from all parts of that county. The ſolemnity of the ſcene, heightened by the emphaſis and manner with which the reverend ſpeaker officiated, met with univerſal approbation; and it is with a ſerious pleaſure, we communicate to our readers the following extract from the concluding part of the eulogy.

"Fancy to yourſelves a venerable old man, "whoſe ſilver locks were the teſtimony of experience, decrepit with age, and worn down by "infirmities, on his dying bed; and, but a few "hours before his departure, riſing on his pillow "with ſuch remarkable ſtrength, as ſtrongly indicated "the inner man" triumphing over the "ſhackles of mortality, and giving to his family "and friends around him, his laſt farewel benediction. See him with the affection of a father, "with his hands claſped in devotion, and his eyes "caſt up to Heaven, entreating his neighbours preſent, "to turn to the living God." There could "be no enmity, no deception here!—It ſurely was "the voice of humanity, and the language of truth, "flowing from his lips; whilſt his heart was experiencing "the riches, the goodneſs of God." "—Oh happy—happy period! that terminated "life in ſuch a death! What in nature ſo forcibly "affecting to the human heart! Speech fails when "example is ſo powerful to remind each of us to "ſeek God, whilſt it is yet day, and before the "Goſpel, the lamp of Divine Love, is forever "extinguiſhed from our eyes."

"*The death-bed of the juſt is yet undrawn*
"*By mortal hand; it merits a divine:*
"*Angels ſhould paint it, Angels ever* THERE;
"THERE, *on a poſt of honor, and of joy.*"

ALEXANDRIA, Janubry 27.

At an Election held in the City of Philadelphia, on Monday the 10th Inſtant, at the Bank of North-America, the following Gentlemen were choſen Directors: Thomas Willing, Joſiah Hewes, John Nixon, Samuel Powell, John Roſs, John M. Neſbitt, Andrew Caldwell, Thomas Fitzſimons, Mordecai Lewis, Henry Hill, Richard Bache, and Cadwalader Morris, Eſquires. And on Tueſday Thomas Willing, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen Preſident.

DIED.] Mr. THOMAS BROMLEY.

NAVAL-OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA.

Inward Entries. Ship Lion, J. Chaſe, and Sloop Polly, M. Clarke, from Boſton; Schooner Nancy, G. Cox, Annapolis; Schooner Harrington, H. Williams, Philadelphia.

Cleared Outwards. Ship Charming Polly, G. Latham, for Liſbon; Sloop Commerce, S. Packard, Rhode-Iland.

☞ The VIRGINIA JOURNAL and ALEXANDRIA ADVERTISER, has now completed its Firſt Volume, the Editor therefore takes this Opportunity of returning his ſincere and grateful Thanks to his Friends and Cuſtomers, for the Patronage and Encouragement they have given to his Deſign.

It is with the higheſt Pleaſure, he reflects on the many Inſtances of their Kindneſs, and indulgence, in the conducting of his Paper; but as he has alſo experienced their great Politeneſs to him, as a Citizen, he thinks himſelf bound by every Tie to make the utmoſt Exertions in his Power, for the future Emolument and Inſtruction of his Subſcribers.

He is now determined to perſevere in the Publication of his Paper, agreeable to the Plan and Sentiments he has already laid before the Public—happy to merit their Approbation, and to be thought worthy of their Attention.

The conſtant and great Expence attending the Printing Buſineſs, ſays the Editor under the Neceſſity of informing his Friends and Cuſtomers, that he ſhall be much obliged to them for the punctual Payment of what may be due on the Subſcription for his Paper laſt Year; and alſo that they would pay one Half of the Subſcription for the enſuing Year, as it will comfortably enable the Editor to proceed in his Work, to their great Advantage and Emolument.

GEORGE RICHARDS.

Alexandria, January 27, 1785.

An Act to revive an Act intitled "an Act for adjuſting Claims for Property impreſſed, or taken for public Service."

WHEREAS the act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-one, intitled, "an act for adjuſting claims for property impreſſed, or taken for public ſervice," which was continued and amended by ſeveral ſubſequent acts hath expired: And whereas, there are many claims ſtill due to the good people of this Commonwealth, for property impreſſed and taken from them for public uſe, which cannot be liquidated and allowed, unleſs the ſaid recited act is revived; Be it therefore enacted, that the act, intitled, "an act for adjuſting claims for property impreſſed, or taken for public ſervice," is hereby revived, and ſhall continue and be in force from and after the paſſing of this act, until the firſt day of Auguſt next, and no longer.

ARCHIBALD CARY, S. S.
JOHN TYLER, S. H. D.

An Act for regulating Pilots Fees.

BE it enacted that the following and no greater prices ſhall be taken or demanded, to wit: On James-River for all ſquare-rigged veſſels coming from ſea, from Cape-Henry, or Lynhaven-Bay to Hampton-Road, 40s. and for going out to ſea 30s. and for each foot depth of water they draw from Hampton-Road or Sewell's-Point to Norfolk, 2s. per foot; to Sleepy-Hole, or Jack-Point in Nanſemond, 3s. per foot; to Pagan-Creek, 2/3, per foot; to James-Town, 6s. per foot; to Martin's-Brandon, 6/6, per foot; to Flower-de-Hundred, 7s. per foot; to City-Point or Bermuda-Hundred, 9s. per foot; to Four-Mile-Creek, 11s. per foot; to Oſborne's,

12/6, per foot; to Warwick, 14s. per foot; and to Richmond, 15s. per foot: On York, coming from ſea, from the Cape or Lynhaven to York-Town, 3l. and for going out to ſea 2l. From Back-River or Egg-Iſland to York-Town, 30s. From York-Town to Weſt-Point, 4s. per foot; to Cumberland, 5s. per foot; to the higheſt landing on Pamunky, 6/3, per foot; to Shepherd's, 4/6, per foot; to Meridith's, Moore's, or the higheſt landing on Mattapony, 6s. per foot: From Cape-Henry to any river on Mobjack-Bay, 3l. From Cape-Henry to Urbanna, coming from ſea, 4l. and for going out to ſea, 3l. From Urbanna to Hobb's-Hole, 3s. per foot; to Naylor's-Hole, 4s. per foot; to Leed's or Micon's, 6/6, per foot; to Port-Royal, 9s. per foot; to Fredericksburg, 11s. per foot: From Cape-Henry to Piankatank, 4l. From the Cape to Smith's-Point on South-Potomack, coming from ſea, 6l. and for going out, 5l. From Smith's-Point to Coan, or Yeocomico, 2/6, per foot; to Machodack, 3s. to Upper-Machodack 4s. per foot; to Nangomy, 5s. to Boyd's-Hole, 5/6, per foot; to Quantico, 6s. to Ocoquan, 6/6, per foot; to Piſcataway, 8s. to Alexandria, 9/6, per foot; to Eaſtern-Branch, 10s. per foot; and the ſame fees by the foot back again; and from the places aforeſaid to the Capes and no more: And for all ſloops and ſchooners two thirds of the rates of pilotage. And when any Maſter of a veſſel ſhall give reaſonable notice to the pilot he ſhall employ, of the time and place ſuch Maſter ſhall appoint for his attendance, and ſuch pilot ſhall attend accordingly, he may demand and take the ſum of 10s. for every day he ſhall be detained by ſuch Maſter's not being ready to proceed according to his notice.

Laws paſſed ſince, it is further enacted, that the pilots may demand and take for all veſſels, one fifth more in addition to the ſums reſpectively allowed by the foot in the ſaid recited act.

And if any pilot ſhall demand or exact any other greater fee, he ſhall forfeit double the ſum ſo demanded, recoverable before two Juſtices, one of them being of the Quorum, with coſt by the informer.

ANECDOTE *of the Chevalier* BAYARD.

IN the war carried on by Louis XII. of France againſt the Venetians, the town of Breſcia, being taken by ſtorm, and abandoned to the ſoldiers, ſuffered, for ſeven days, all the diſtreſſes of cruelty and avarice. No houſe eſcaped but that where Chevalier Bayard was lodged. At his entrance, the miſtreſs, a woman of figure, fell at his feet, and deeply ſobbing, cried, "Oh! my Lord, ſave my life; ſave "the honor of my daughters." "Take courage, Madam," ſaid the Chevalier, "your life and their honor ſhall be ſecure while I have life." The two young Ladies, brought from their hiding-place, were preſented to him; and the family, thus re-united beſtowed their whole attention on their deliverer. A dangerous wound he had received gave them an opportunity to expreſs their zeal; they employed a notable ſurgeon; they attended him by turn day and night; and when he could bear to be amuſed, they entertained him with concerts of muſic. Upon the day fixed for his departure, the mother ſaid to him, "To your goodneſs, my Lord, we owe "our lives, and to you all that we have belongs "by right of war; but we hope, from your ſignal be- "nevolence, that this ſlight tribute will content "you," placing upon the table an iron coffer full of money. "What is the ſum?" ſaid the Chevalier, "My Lord," anſwered ſhe trembling, "no more "but two thouſand five hundred ducats, all that we "have; but, if more be neceſſary, we will try our "friends." "Madam," ſaid he, "I never ſhall "forget your kindneſs, more precious, in my eyes, "than one hundred thouſand ducats. Take back "your money, and depend always on me." "My "good Lord, you kill me to refuſe this ſmall ſum; "take it only as a mark of your friendſhip to my "family." "Well," ſaid he, "ſince it will "oblige you, I take the money; but give me the "ſatisfaction of bidding adieu to your amiable "daughters." They came to him with looks of regard and affection. "Ladies," ſaid he, "the im- "preſſion you have made on my heart will never "wear out. What return to make I know not, "for men of my profeſſion are ſeldom opulent; "but here are two thouſand five hundred ducats, "of which the generoſity of your mother has given "me the diſpoſal; accept them as a marriage pre- "ſent; and may your happineſs in marriage equal "your merit." "Flower of chivalry," cried the "mother, "may the God who ſuffered death for us "reward you here and hereafter."

A BULL.

An Iriſh gentleman being accuſtomed to take a walk early every morning, was met by an acquaintance about 10 o'clock, who aſking him, if he had been taking his *morning*'s walk? was anſwered in the negative; 'but,' adds the honeſt Hibernian, 'by Jaſus I intend to take it in the *afternoon*.'

PRICES CURRENT, ALEXANDRIA.

TOBACCO 28s. per Ct.	Continental Rum, 2/2, to 2/4 per Ditto.
Fine Flour, 30s. per Barrel.	Molaſſes, 1/6 per Ditto.
Wheat, 6s. per Buſhel.	Muſcovado Sugar, 38s. to 47s. per Ct.
Jamaica Spirits, 4/6 per Gallon.	Salt, 6s. per Buſhel, by Retail.
Windward Rum, 3s. per Ditto.	Exchange, 36.

Hooe and Harriſon,

Have for Sale at their Store,

OSnaburgs, Ravens duck, brown rolls, Ruſſia duck, Holland's ditto, white-lead, Red ditto, Spaniſh brown, red ochre, yellow ditto, white vitriol, verdigreaſe, brimſtone, ſand-glaſſes, ſpy-glaſſes, ſheet-lead, ſheet copper, German ſteel, loglines, deepſea ditto, houſeline, marline, hamberline, ſail twine, ſeine ditto, ſheet-tin in boxes, ſteel wire, tar, turpentine, Engliſh and Dutch cordage, anchors of different ſizes, mould candles, hyſon, bohea and ſouchong tea, black pepper, ſingle refined and double refined ſugar, candied ditto, gin in caſes, muſkets, butter pots, water pitchers, queen's china, glaſs ware, delf bowls, long and ſhort pipes, violins, looking-glaſſes, hatchets, carpenters' and joiners' tools, ſcythes, bolting-cloths, blankets, flannels, hats, cotton ſtockings, yarn and worſted ditto, diaper napkins, cambricks, lawns, check ſhirts, gauze handkerchiefs, old hock in bottles, &c.

Alexandria, Jan. 26, 1785.

All Perſons indebted to the

Copartnerſhip of HARPER and FENNER, which diſſolved the 22d of November laſt, are once more requeſted to make immediate Payment.—Conſtant Attendance is given at the Store by

EDWARD HARPER.

Alexandria, Jan. 26, 1785.

N. B. Thoſe Gentlemen who are indebted for Caſh lent, are moſt particularly requeſted to call and diſcharge the ſame. E. H.

SOME perſons having, with a view to injure my credit as a trader, propagated a report that I am greatly involved in debt, and embarraſſed in my circumſtances, particularly that I am at this time owing the late concern of Meſſieurs John and George Fowler the ſum of 1500l. ſterling, and Meſſieurs Robert Rutherford and Company the purchaſe-money of the land where I now live; and that for the ſatisfaction of theſe and other debts, all my property, real and perſonal, was under mortgage. Every report, reſpecting the circumſtances of a man in buſineſs, does in a greater or leſs degree affect his reputation as ſuch, and conſequently the buſineſs in which he is engaged, therefore it behoves all perſons, more eſpecially thoſe whoſe ſtations in life ſtamp a degree of credit upon what comes from them, to be cautious how they meddle with ſo delicate a ſubject, and to be well aſſured of the truth of what they advance before they venture to circulate it. As this report might in time gain credit, if not contradicted, I take this method of denying moſt poſitively my owing a ſhilling either to the concern of Meſſieurs John and George Fowler, or to Meſſieurs Robert Rutherford and Company, or any part of my property being under any kind of incumbrance whatever: And I now deſire thoſe ſlanderers to hunt out other ſubjects in future to gratify their malignant diſpoſitions. Should they preſume to take further liberties with me, I ſhall not bear them with the ſame indifference that I have the paſt. All perſons indebted to me by bond, bill or open account, are requeſted to diſcharge their reſpective balances, as no longer indulgence can be given.

January 22, 1785. WILLIAM BREADY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be preſented to the next General Aſſembly, relative to draining the marſh adjoining this town, and to condemn certain lands, the property of Charles Alexander, Eſq; for the uſe of public buildings and other purpoſes.

Alexandria, January 25, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

A Stout ſtrong hearty young NEGRO MAN, who is well acquainted with all kinds of country buſineſs, is a good pit ſawyer, has worked in a ſmith's ſhop, and has ſome knowledge of that buſineſs; he is, perhaps, one of the beſt cutters and grubbers in the State, and can hew well with the broad-ax; to any perſon moving to a new ſettlement this fellow would be extremely valuable.—Inquire of EDWARD HARPER.

N. B. His wife is alſo for ſale, who is a healthy ſtrong willing Wench, well acquainted with plantation or houſe work.—Inquire as above.

TO BE SOLD,

On board the Sloop Polly, Capt. Mark Clark, at Col. Lyles's Wharf,

RHode-Iſland cheeſe, cranberries, chairs, potatoes, butter, cyder, oil, hops, ſpruce, and mackerel.

Alexandria, Jan. 25, 1785.

Daniel and Iſaac M'Pherſon,

Have for Sale,

WEST-INDIA and New-England rum, molaſſes, brown ſugar, ſalt, ſail-duck, cordage, brown rolls, dowlas, fine and coarſe mens' and womens' ſhoes by the box or dozen, glaſs ware by the box, paints, gunpowder, ſpades, ſhovels, coarſe and fine hats, black pepper, ſoap and candles by the box, with many other articles of dry-goods and hard-ware, all of which they will ſell on reaſonable terms for Caſh or Country Produce.

Alexandria, Jan. 25, 1785.

A Perſon of a liberal Profeſſion

is deſirous of trying a benevolent Experiment, by inſtructing an honeſt NEGRO LAD in a Buſineſs that will give him, if ingenious and docile, an accurate Knowledge of the Engliſh Language, and beſides rendering him really a rational Creature, will enable him, in due Time, to earn handſome Wages.——Inquire at the Printing-Office.

Public Vendue of Lands.

On Tueſday the 22d of February next, will be Sold to the higheſt Bidder, at the Vendue-Store in Alexandria, the three following Tracts of valuable Land, ſituated in Fairfax County, viz.

ONE Tract, lying within four miles and an half of Alexandria, on Holmes's-Run, containing agreeable to ſurvey, 252 acres, 150 of which are woodland and well timbered; the cleared land is under good fence, 25 acres whereof are good meadow and now laid down with Timothy, and as much more may be made at a ſmall expence; this tract is well watered, there being a number of fine ſprings on it, and there are on the premiſes a tolerable dwelling-houſe with a good brick chimney and two rooms on the lower floor, and a ſmall apple orchard.—Another Tract, containing 300 acres, lying on the ſouth-ſide of the the middle Branch of Great-Hunting-Creek, and is likewiſe about four miles and an half from Alexandria; this tract has about 200 acres of woodland, the remainder being cleared is under tolerable fence; there are on the premiſes a good mill-ſeat, where formerly was a mill, 50 or 60 acres of meadow land, and an overſeer's houſe, two barns and an apple and peach orchard.—The other Tract joins the laſt, and contains 75 acres of well timbered woodland.——The terms are, one third in ready money at the time of ſigning the deeds, one third in nine months, and for the remaining third a credit of eighteen months will be given, on bond with good ſecurity.—The plots are now lodged in the hands of the Vendue-Maſter, and may be ſeen at any time before the ſale on application to him, and the land will be ſhewn by applying to the Subſcriber, who lives near Alexandria. BALDWIN DADE.

January 24, 1785.

To be Sold at Public Vendue on the Premiſes, on Tueſday the 3d Day of April next,

A Valuable PLANTATION, lying within ſix miles of Alexandria, containing 200 acres, whereon is a good dwelling-houſe, with two rooms on a floor, and a good brick chimney; a good kitchen, meat-houſe, corn-houſe with a room below, ſtable, and other out-houſes, a ſpring of good water within 100 yards of the door, a good apple and peach orchard, and a young orchard; about 8 acres of meadow cleared and well laid down in Timothy, and a quantity more may be made.—The land produces good Indian-corn, tobacco, and ſmall grain, and all under very good fence; there are 35 buſhels of wheat ſown on the land in one body, and looks as well as any in the county.——One-third of the purchaſe-money to be paid down, one-third in twelve months after, and the other third at the expiration of twelve months more, on giving bond with approved ſecurity for the two payments, and may be entered upon immediately after the day of ſale.—On the ſame day will alſo be ſold for ready-money, horſes, cows, hogs, corn, fodder, hay, farming utenſils, and houſehold and kitchen furniture.

On Thurſday the 5th of April next, will be ſold in Alexandria, a Lot of Ground on Queen-ſtreet, containing 61 feet front and 122 feet back, whereon is a good two-ſtory brick-houſe, with four fireplaces on a floor and two in the cellar, a good ſtore-room, and rents at 100 l. per year; there is an addition to it of two rooms above and a cellar below, that rents at 30 l. per year, and a good ſpring of water on the Lot.—Alſo, a Lot on the ſame ſtreet, 30 feet front and 122 feet back, whereon is a good houſe not finiſhed, with a good cellar below, with a fireplace.—Alſo, another Lot on the ſame ſtreet, being a corner Lot, containing 30 feet front and running 122 feet on Pitt-ſtreet, whereon is a log-houſe with a brick chimney.—Alſo, a Lot on Pitt-ſtreet, 61 feet front and 123 feet back, whereon is a good tan-yard and mill-houſe.—The terms of ſale for the Lots will be the ſame as for the above Plantation.—Good deeds will be made for the Plantation and Lots by

Jan. 26, 1785. SAMUEL M'LEAN.

POETRY.

From the WEEKLY MISCELLANY.

Honor's a bubble, fame an empty breath;
All sublunary things will end in—DEATH.

THOUGHTS ON DEATH.

DEATH! what is death? why, ah frail mortal! why
Art thou for ever so afraid to die?
To die, is but to sleep, to shut out light;
At close of day to bid the world good night:
As millions have since first the world begun;
As millions will, soon as their glass is run:
For all must die; the greatest Monarch must
Submit to death; and to his native dust,
When GOD sees fit, return: So must the slave,
Despis'd on earth, his equal in the grave:
There's no distinction; pomp and regal state,
Nor grandeur, cannot save the man from fate.
Kings are but men; Macedon's Philip knew
This awful truth, and well observ'd it too;
Causing his page, when morn's first dawn did rise,
With this dread couplet to unclose his eyes:
"Remember, Royal Sir, how time does fly;
"You're but a man, and man is born to die."

Jonathan Swift and Co.

Have for Sale, at their Store on Capt. Harper's Wharf, a general Assortment of European Goods, suitable to the Season, which they will sell by the Package or Piece at a very moderate Advance, viz.

COatings, *kerseys, plains, frizes, baizes, flannels, broadcloths of all colours and prices, corduroys, royal ribs, velvets, velverets, farrandines, crapes, cambletts, cambletteens, linens, dowlas, osnaburgs, carpetings, gauzes, millenary, ladies' calamanco and lasting shoes, misses Morocco ditto of different colours, gentlemens' shoes and boots, beaver, castor and felt hats, canvas, cordage, porter in hampers, an assortment of hardware, fowling-pieces, 10d. and 20d. nails, elegant looking-glasses, cut glass, and a few crates of queen's ware for sterling cost and charges.*

☞ *Their terms are for ready-money, for which they allow two and an half per cent.—They will give the market price, in cash or goods, for good Tobacco.*

Alexandria, Jan. 10, 1785.

To be Sold,

For Ready-Money, or Bills of Exchange, in the Town of Stephensburg, in Frederick County, Virginia,

ABOUT Fifty valuable SLAVES, consisting of men, women and children, late the property of the Right Hon. Thomas Lord Fairfax, deceased. —The sale is to begin on Tuesday the first day of March next, and continue till all are sold,

THOMAS BRYAN MARTIN.

December 17, 1784.

All persons indebted to the

concern of Messieurs THOMAS RICHARDSON and COMPANY, for dealings with the late Mr. Thomas Richardson, are hereby *again* requested to make speedy settlement of their respective accounts;—those who have it not in their power to do it by making immediate payment, are respectfully desired to settle them by giving me their bonds or notes, that I may be enabled to close their accounts on the books of the said concern.—After this repeated intimation, I flatter myself none will be averse to comply with so reasonable a requisition. —Should it however be otherwise, no further notice will be given before recourse be had to other measures, to promote a settlement that may prove more effectual.

WILLIAM B. MAGRUDER,

George-Town, Jan. 3, 1785.

The Subscriber will lease

out a Lot of Ground, 28 feet front on Royal-street, adjoining the north end of Mr. Richard Arell's brick house, and extending back easterly 123 feet 5 inches, being part of the late Mr. Piper's lot, rent free, on condition the lessee erect such buildings as the parties can agree on.—Those who take it soon may have the lot for seven years and nine months. WILLIAM RAMSAY.

Alexandria, Jan. 3, 1785.

All Persons indebted to the

Estate of Mr. DAVID YOUNG, deceased, are requested to settle the same immediately; and those who have any Demands against said Estate are requested to bring in their claims that they may be settled.

DAVID YOUNG, *Administrator.*

Alexandria, Jan. 12, 1785.

Brenton, Virginia, Prince-William County, Jan. 8, 1785.

On Monday the 4th of April next, if fair, if not the next fair Day, will be offered for Sale, at Mr. William M'Daniel's Tavern, in the Town of Dumfries,

ABOUT 4000 acres of LAND, being part of that noted tract of land, called and well known by the name of the Brenton-Tract; it lies about 17 miles from Dumfries, 30 or 35 from Alexandria, and 28 from Fredericksburg.—At Dumfries the nighest navigation, there is always a good and ready market for every kind of country produce, and the two last mentioned towns are the most considerable on the two rivers of Potomack and Rappahannock.—This land produces very good tobacco, wheat, corn, &c. is particularly well adapted to farming, being very level, can always be improved with little expence, and is remarked for its superior excellence in producing wheat; there is on it some land which may be converted into good meadow land, and 12 or 14 good merchant mills within 30 miles, three of them as nigh as 8 miles.—The tobacco made on the land is esteemed among the best carried to Dumfries, the best inspection on Potomack.—The land will be laid off in lots of 1, 2 or 300 acres.—Three years credit will be given, provided the interest is regularly and punctually paid.—Bond carrying interest from the day of sale, with approved and sufficient security, will be required.—The land will be shewn by the subscriber living on the premises.—Several blooded Nags will be sold at the same time.

DANIEL CARROLL BRENT.

For Sale,

A *Valuable* TRACT *of* LAND, *lying in Prince-William County, Virginia, about two miles from Dumfries, eight from Colchester, and twenty-four from Alexandria, containing* 2150 *acres; this land is well adapted to farming and planting, is very well timbered, and has the advantage of a large never failing stream running through it, upon which may be got one or more good mill seats.*

Also, another valuable Tract of Land, containing upwards of 800 *acres, lying in Washington County, Maryland, about one mile from the river Potomack, eight from Hagar's-Town, and twenty-six from Frederick-Town: This tract is altogether of the rich limestone lands in Connicocheague valley, and is generally acknowledged to be equal in soil to and produces as highly as any land in the county; it is also well timbered.—Both or either of the above tracts will be laid off in parcels, or sold otherwise, as may best suit the purchasers, who shall have good titles.—A very small part of the purchase-money, not exceeding one-sixth, will be expected in a short time after the sale, and the remainder in three equal payments, at the different periods of two, three and four years from the date of it.—For terms of the Virginia tract, apply to Col.* BAILEY WASHINGTON, *of Stafford County, and of the other to Col.* RICHARD DAVIS, *who lives near the premises, or to the Subscriber, who owns the lands.*

PEREGRINE FITZHUGH.

Jan. 3, 1785.

☞ *If the above lands should not be disposed of by private sale before the 20th of February, the Maryland tract will then be sold at public auction, and the Virginia tract upon the first of March.*

P. F.

TO BE RENTED,

A Large two-story Brick House, in the town of Dumfries, directly opposite the Court-House, where the Assize Courts for the district of Prince-William, Fauquier, Loudon and Fairfax, are to be holden.—The house has four rooms on a floor with a fireplace to each, a passage through the middle, a cellar underneath the whole, and a full square of Lots adjoining.—This now will be an excellent stand for a tavern.—Stables, &c. are wanted, which I will either put on, or deduct from the rent, as any person wishing to rent and myself can agree.

DANIEL CARROLL BRENT.

Jan. 8, 1785.

WANTED,

As an Apprentice to a genteel Business,

A Smart active Lad, who can be well recommended.—Inquire at the Printing-Office.

Alexandria, Jan. 13, 1785.

LOST,

About a Month or Six Weeks ago,

TWO Tobacco Notes, inspected at Colchester Warehouse, signed by Messieurs Washington and Boges, and taken out in the name of Mr. Lund Washington, of the following marks and numbers, viz.

C. O. L. No. 40, 1052, 102, 950;
41, 1103, 103, 1000.

All persons are forewarned against purchasing said Notes, as new ones are already taken out.

THOMAS FITZHUGH.

Jan. 12, 1785.

ALL persons having any claims against the Estate of WILLIAM BRENT, Esq; of Stafford County, deceased, are requested to bring them in properly attested; and those indebted to said estate are desired to come to an immediate settlement.

The EXECUTORS.

Jan. 8, 1785.

M'Crea *and* Mease,

Have just arrived an Assortment of GOODS, which they propose selling on the most reasonable Terms; amongst them are

CLoths, shalloons, calamancoes, durants, cambletts, poplins, German serges, dorletteens, kings' and queens' cords, dimities, drawboys, satinets, denims, checks, striped hollands, bedbunts, messinets, silverets, taffetas, nonsopretties, tapes, glassware, window glass, clear and spotted lawns, striped and figured ditto, ditto handkerchiefs, fine soullee and needle-work'd aprons, threads, Dutch lace and edging, silk ferrets, Barcelona handkerchiefs, black and white lace, blond ditto, ladies' fashionable trimmed cloaks, hats and bonnets, Cyprus and other gauzes, knee and other garters, mens' and womens' gloves, silk mits, ribbons, counterpanes, Irish linens, osnaburgs, quality bindings, ladies' stays, writing-paper, inkpowder, pins, needles, milled and common flannels, mens', womens' and boys' thread, cotton and silk hose, spelling-books, pocket-books, hair broom-heads, brushes, sieves, table knives and forks, clasp and pen knives, razors, shaping and other scissors, bar-lead, shot, coffee-mills, sleeve-buttons, plated spurs and buckles, spectacles, blank account books, quills, bridles, curry-combs, horsewhips, money-scales with weights, twist, sewing silk, shirt-buttons, cottons, calicoes, coatings, &c. &c.

It is useless to say any thing respecting the terms on which these goods will be sold—Whoever applies at the Post-Office, will find them agreeable.

Alexandria, Jan. 4, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

A VERY valuable TRACT of LAND, lying on Aquia-Run, in Stafford County, Virginia, not more than one mile from Aquia Warehouse, about six miles from Dumfries, and twelve miles from Fredericksburg, containing Six Thousand Acres; it is well watered, abounding with timber, and is calculated for planting or farming. —On this land are several valuable mill-seats, one of which is particularly so.—The above will be sold in lots of two or five hundred acres, as may best suit the purchasers.—If sold by the whole tract three years credit will be given for one half the purchase; if in small lots, only one year's credit will be given for one half, the other being paid at the time of conveyance.—For further particulars inquire of the Subscriber opposite to Lower-Marlborough, in Maryland, or to Colonel BAILEY WASHINGTON, near to and adjoining the premises, who will shew the land.

WILLIAM FITZHUGH.

October 13, 1784.

For Sale,

A Valuable TRACT of LAND, lying in Frederick County, Virginia, containing 1100 acres, within eight miles of Winchester, on the main road from thence to Philadelphia, and within two miles of three merchant mills; there are on said land, a good two-story dwelling-house and other convenient buildings, with a good orchard and meadow, and tolerably well timbered.——— One third of the purchase-money to be paid down, one fourth of the balance at the expiration of two years, another fourth at four years, another fourth at six years, and the remainder at eight years, from the day of sale, Interest will be expected from the date of the bonds.—The price may be known by applying to Mr. Charles M'Donald on the premises, or to Mr. Nathaniel Burwell of Carter's Grove, on James-River, or to the Subscriber in York County, near Williamsburg.

NATHANIEL BURWELL, jun.

Nov. 19, 1784.

TO BE SOLD at the PRINTING-OFFICE,

A Variety of Writing-Paper, Dutch Quills, Paper Hangings, Blank Books, gilt and common Letter Paper, Sealing-Wax, Wafers, Inkpowder, Pounce, Ink-Stands, Black Lead Pencils, Common Prayer Books, from Two to Ten Shillings; Boston's Fourfold State, Russel's Sermons, Psalters, &c. &c. &c.

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